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CHIEF SECRETARIAT (HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION)

(G.O. Ms. No. 17, Puducherry, dated 13th June 2017)

NOTIFICATION

The Government has received representations from students and parents that a sizeable number of Puducherry students aspiring to become Doctors could not get M.B.B.S. seats during 2016-17 due to various unfavourable circumstances. Further, to the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET), Government of India has notified that candidates are eligible for three attempts and there have been representations that contrary to this scheme, some NEET applicants who had earlier obtained admission to Engineering Courses through CENTAC are ineligible for admission to M.B.B.S. courses due to the provision in G.O. Ms. No. 60, dated 12-10-2015.

Taking these aforementioned representations into consideration, these guidelines are issued to enable the candidates of 2016-17 sponsored through CENTAC for Engineering Courses but, who have now cleared NEET Examination in 2017-18 to apply for M.B.B.S. Courses through CENTAC in 2017-18 as a one-time measure, subject to the following conditions:-

- (1) The candidate should have completed Higher Secondary Course in 2015-16 and should have been sponsored through CENTAC for Engineering Courses and pursued the first year of the Engineering Course in 2016-17.
 - (2) The candidate should have cleared NEET examination in 2017.
- (3) The candidate studying I year Engineering Courses (B.E./B.Tech./B.Arch.) in 2016-17 once selected to M.B.B.S., Course in 2017-18 will be awarded the financial assistance under PKFAS at the rate admissible to him/her for that course of study, if eligible, after deducting the assistance already in receipt of the financial assistance, in accordance with the G.O. Ms. No. 57, dated 1-10-2013 of the Chief Secretariat (Education), Puducherry.
- (4) The Government quota seats in Engineering Courses, so vacated consequent to the present guidelines, will be filled by lateral entry as per rules.
- (5) The Government reserves the right to take functional and operational decisions for the admission of candidates as a onetime measure to M.B.B.S. Courses, within the overall framework of the various existing Government Orders, as modified from time to time.

(By order)

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